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1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL, DEPT WILL DISSEMINATE PERUVIAN REGULATION ON REPORTING REQUIREMENT WHEN POUCHED INFO IS RECEIVED. HOWEVER, DEPT CANNOT RECOMMEND COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATION BECAUSE THE U.S. DOES NOT RECOGNIZE COASTAL STATE JURISDICTION OVER SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH OR FISHING

FOR TUNA BEYOND 3 N.M. A REQUIREMENT FOR A VESSEL TO REPORT ITS POSITION IN A ZONE BEYOND 3 MILES WOULD BE IN DIRECT CONFLICT WITH OUR LONG-STANDING LEGAL POSITION REGARDING UNIMPEDED TRANSIT ON THE HIGH SEAS.

2. U.S. PUBLIC VESSELS WILL BE EXPLICITLY INSTRUCTED NOT TO COMPLY WITH GOP REQUIREMENT; HOWEVER, PRIVATE VESSELS WILL HAVE THE OPTION OF CHOOSING COMPLIANCE OR NOT. DEPENDING ON THE RADIO FREQUENCIES DESIGNATED SOME VESSELS MAY NOT BE ABLE TO REPORT BECAUSE OF LIMITED COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. IF COMMERCIAL STATIONS, RATHER THAN NAVY OR GOVERNMENT, ARE REQUIRED FOR TRANSMISSION THERE MAY BE EXCESSIVE CHARGES FOR USE OF COMMERCIAL FACILITIES.

POUCHED MATERIAL SHOULD CLARIFY THIS.

- 3. AS EMBASSY IS AWARE, USG POLICY RE TUNA LICENSE PURCHASES IS THAT DECISION TO BUY LICENSE IS STRICTLY COMMERCIAL DECISION TO BE MADE BY VESSEL OWNERS. USG DOES NOT DISCOURAGE OR ENCOURAGE SUCH PURCHASES. DEPT BELIEVES IT LIKELY THAT VESSELS THAT CHOOSE TO PURCHASE LICENSES WOULD PROBABLY REPORT POSITIONS AND THAT VESSELS THAT DO NOT MAKE PURCHASE WOULD OBVIOUSLY NOT REPORT.
- 4. A. BEGIN FYI: PRACTICALLY, POSITION REPORTING COULD PROBABLY BE EASILY COMPLIED WITH BY VESSEL OPERATORS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UTILITY OF REPORTING IS QUESTIONABLE AND SOME OPERATORS WOULD BE LIMITED BY EQUIPMENT OR WEATHER CONDITIONS. ONE OPERATOR HAS SUGGESTED THAT PERU SHOULD REQUIRE REPORTING OF WEATHER OBSERVATIONS AS THIS INFORMATION WOULD AT LEAST BE USEFUL. OUR MAJOR PROBLEM IS NON-RECOGNITION OF PERU'S CLAIM TO A 200 MILE TERRITORIAL SEA; COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS BASED ON THE 200 MILE ZONE WOULD GIVE RECOGNITION TO THEIR CLAIM.

- B. VESSELS SEIZED AND FINED FOR NON-COMPLIANCE WOULD PROBABLY BE COMPENSATED UNDER THE FISHERMEN'S PROTECTIVE ACT OF 1967. THE ACT PROVIDES FOR COMPENSATION IF A U.S. VESSEL IS SEIZED BY A FOREIGN COUNTRY ON THE BASIS OF RIGHTS OR CLAIMS IN TERRITORIAL WATERS OR THE HIGH SEAS WHICH ARE NOT RECOGNIZED BY THE U.S. END FYI.
- 5. FOR THE R/V KNORR CRUISE WHICH IS ALMOST COMPLETED COMPLIANCE IS NOT POSSIBLE SINCE NOTICE OF THE REQUIREMENT WAS JUST RECEIVED AND WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED PARTICULARS ON REPORTING PROCEDURES AND FREQUENCIES.
- 6. ACTION: BASED ON HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE OF GOP IN

ENFORCING REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO RESEARCH OFF THEIR COAST OUR BEST APPROACH MIGHT BE TO SIMPLY IGNORE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. GOP, IF CONFRONTED WITH U.S. JURIDICAL ARGUMENTS FOR NON-COMPLIANCE, MAY FEEL THE NEED TO STRICTLY ENFORCE REQUIREMENT. OUR JURIDICAL DILEMMA WITH REQUIREMENT, WHICH EMBASSY COULD PROBABLY NOT RESOLVE WITH GOP, WOULD RESULT IN MOST U.S. RESEARCH OFF PERU BEING CANCELLED. IN OUR VIEW, THERE HAVE BEEN SOME VERY SUCCESSFUL PROJECTS CONDUCTED OFF PERU, A PRIME EXAMPLE IS THE COASTAL UPWELLING ECOSYSTEMS ANALYSIS PROJECT CONDUCTED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE IDOE PROGRAM. THE PRACTICAL PROBLEM OF UNAVAILABILITY OF PROPER RADIO FREQUENCIES WOULD BE A FAIRLY WEAK ARGUMENT. THEREFORE, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO EVALUATE RECOMMENDATION TO IGNORE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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